

The North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission 2018 Priorities

The following are some of the 2018 priorities listed by committees:

I. Criminal Justice Improvement Committee

- Local Law Enforcement Block Grants – Equipment to local law enforcement
- State Agency Improvement Initiative – Targeting state agencies support. To enhance their readiness and effectiveness. This can include infrastructure, technology, contractual services and equipment.
- Governor's Office Special Initiatives – Through the Administrative Office of the Courts, help develop a statewide model for addressing a more holistic approach to court reform and re-entry. This new model will be utilized statewide and help address the multi-layered issues of re-entry, wrap around services, and transitioning from in and out of incarceration.
- Specialized Criminal Justice Training Programs - That allow for statewide enrollment to include the advancement of strategic planning and staff development.

II. Juvenile Justice Planning Committee

- Children's Justice - Systems change to improve the handling and outcomes of cases of child maltreatment in North Carolina, as well as build capacity to deliver training on the forensic interviewing of children, whether on a local, regional or statewide basis.
- Compliance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act - Focus on programs that offer innovative enhanced non-secure alternatives to detention.
- Reduction of Disproportionate Minority Contact - Support efforts to reduce Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) in the state's juvenile justice system.
- Juvenile Gang, Child Trafficking, and Juvenile Re-entry - Support initiatives that are actively involved in local and regional efforts to reduce juvenile gang/ child-trafficking and juvenile re-entry. Additional consideration may be given to gender-specific programs. To also include research and training of professionals in this area.
- After-School Programs, Mentoring, and Vocational Programming - Education programs and/or related services to prevent truancy, suspension, extended home-bound status and expulsion. School safety programs may include support for school resource officers and law-related education.

III. Crime Victim's Services Committee

Violence Against Women Act priorities

- Law Enforcement – Personnel (*Restricted to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking and/or Stalking*)
- Prosecutors' Offices – Personnel (*Restricted to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking and/or Stalking*)
- Court Officials - Court sanctioned batterer intervention programs/abuser treatment programs, as well as trainings
- Underserved Victims of Crime - Development or provision of services to underserved crime victim groups, including, but not limited to rural victims of crime; LGBTQ victims;

Spanish speaking victims; hospital based programs; and other culturally or ethnically underserved victims of crime.

Victims of Crime Act Priorities

- Sexual Assault/Spousal Abuse Victims' Services – Provision of core crisis intervention services to sexual assault and/or spousal abuse (domestic violence) victims
- Child Advocacy Centers – Provision of direct services personnel for services such as advocacy, evidenced-based mental health, child medical evaluation, forensic interviews and forensic medical evidence collection exams.
- Legal Services - Legal assistance to victims of crime
- Family Justice Centers – Assist local communities in providing services to victims through the establishment and operation of Family Justice Centers (FJC)
- Human trafficking – Address human trafficking, including child victims of trafficking by increasing the level of awareness of human trafficking and to improve the level of service provided to victims by increasing the number of agencies and service providers who are qualified to work with trafficking victims.
- Enhanced Victim Services - Development of enhanced services to victims of crime that are now allowable under Victims of Crime Act regulations.
- Underserved Crime Victim's Services - Fund programs that address underserved crime victim groups by providing services and/or developing programs that provide culturally sensitive services.
- Crime Victim Services Provider Statewide Training and Planning - Development or expansion of programs to provide services to victims of crime.
- Automated Victim Notification Services - Focus on statewide automated victim notification systems and technology services to include staff for the service provision of alerting victims.